

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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June School Newsletter



Welcome to June – this school year has just flown by! This is the month we celebrate our Fathers, ring in the official start of Summer, celebrate National Indigenous Day, bid a fond farewell to our grade 5 students and some of our staff members.. *and wish you all a wonderful summer break on our last full school day on June 26th!* Here at Frank Hobbs, June looks like this...

2024-2025 Frank Hobbs School Bell Schedule:

- **Start time: 8:45 am**
- **Morning Recess: 10:15-10:30**
- **Lunch: 11:50-12:10 (eating time) 12:10-12:35 (outside recess)**
- **Dismissal: 2:37 pm**
- **Attendance is 250-477-1804 (press 1) or FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca (late or absent)**
Please remember to use your child's first and last name and classroom teacher

Signing In/Out

Please remember to sign your child(ren) in/out at the office. When your child arrives late to school, you must sign them in at the office window... AND if you take your child home early, you must also sign them out at the office window. Thank-you!

September Planning

School planning for September is well underway. If you know your children will NOT be returning to Frank Hobbs in September please email the school ASAP at frankhobbs@sd61.bc.ca to let us know as we are in the process of planning our classes for the Fall. Thank you.

Staff Changes at Frank Hobbs Elementary

Frank Hobbs Elementary will look and feel a little different next year as we prepare to say goodbye to some very special members of our school community. Two of our highly respected and much loved teachers, Mrs. Grew and Ms. Sirdinski, have decided to retire and begin a new chapter in their lives. We are so grateful for their many years of dedication and care, and we wish them all the very best in their next adventure. Who knows, we may even see them return as teachers on call!

Our warm thanks also go to Mrs. Gerber, our wonderful vice principal, who has been reassigned to Northridge Elementary. Her friendly smile and unwavering support for both staff and students have meant a great deal to all of us.

We also want to welcome Ms. Ashley Clackson as our new vice principal in the fall who will be joining us from Nanaimo but returning to her hometown of Victoria. Next year, Mrs. Thorburn will be moving into a classroom teaching role, and we hope to hire a music teacher to add Music and Applied Design, Skills, and Technology (ADST) as special programs for our students.

Due to a slight decline in enrollment, our school will move from 12 divisions to 11. We will also be saying farewell to several valued team members: counsellor Maurette McNair and Inclusive Education teachers Grace Hatherill and Breeanne Keefe. In addition, educational assistants McKenna Oleksuk and Rajni Sahota will be finishing their time with us. While it's always hard to say goodbye, we are incredibly thankful for the contributions each of these individuals has made to our school. I remain hopeful that our paths will cross again. Thank you for being part of our Frank Hobbs community.

Special Person Picnic Lunch:

On **Tuesday, June 24**, our staff and students are hosting a **Special Person Picnic from 11:30–12:35** on the school field! Special guests are invited to bring a lunch they can share with their student(s). This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the incredible support network behind our learners and to recognize our shared goal of fostering a welcoming, inclusive community where all students can thrive.

We encourage parents and guardians to connect with one another and make plans for a special person (or more!) to join their child(ren) for lunch, and even stay to enjoy recess together.

For a little extra comfort during your lunch with your special guests, consider bringing a blanket, sunshade, and chairs.

We hope you can join us for our Special Person Picnic!

Library News:

Mrs. King has requested that all books be returned to the library on Monday, June 9th this year. The last week for regular book exchanges will be June 2nd- June 6th, with Friday June 6th being the last day to sign out a book. This return date is necessary to ensure everything gets returned and organized in time for the end of the year. Your support in encouraging your child(ren) to return their books on time is appreciated.

Go By Bike Week

June 2nd – 6th is Spring Go By Bike Week <https://gobybikebc.ca/>

Frank Hobbs Elementary is once again proud to be participating in the Greater Victoria 'Go By Bike Week'. For each student who rides a bike, skateboard or scooter to school, Mr. Walasek will post stickers on the whole school participation poster.

Each day, every student who participates will also get a ticket into a raffle. Through a generous donation from our PAC, our school will draw for bicycle related prizes.

Grade 5 Celebration:

We look forward to our Farewell Assembly on Thursday, June 26, as we celebrate and say goodbye to our **Grade 5 students** and staff members who will be leaving Frank Hobbs.

The celebration will begin after the first recess, when all students will line up at the school's perimeter to cheer on our Grade 5 students as they participate in a special farewell parade around the building. Following the parade, all classes will gather in the gym for the formal Farewell Assembly.

During the assembly, our Grade 5 students will be recognized and able to walk across the stage as we honour their time at Frank Hobbs.

Due to gym capacity limits set by the fire marshal, only two parents or guardians of Grade 5 students are invited to attend this assembly. We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

After the assembly, Grade 5 students and their families can stay for pictures and a picnic lunch provided by the PAC on the school field. In the afternoon, Grade 4 students will join their Grade 5 peers for a fun-filled celebration to close a memorable school year.

We look forward to marking this meaningful milestone together!

Summer Camp Opportunity:

[Braefoot Community Assn Summer Camps](#)

Homestay Opportunities:

It's that time of year! The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program is looking for new families interested in joining the vibrant hosting community. With students arriving to attend short term programs in the summer (2-6 week stays) and longer-term programs in the Fall, there are many opportunities to begin hosting.

Host Families provide 3 meals a day along with healthy snacks and a welcoming environment. \$1260 per month is provided as reimbursement for student support (pro-rated for shorter stays.) Orientation and 24/7 support is available from the homestay office.

For more Homestay information:

Website: www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay

Phone: 250-592-6871 Email: homestay@sd61.bc.ca

Soccer at Frank Hobbs

You may have noticed some new soccer goals on our field! We were lucky to trade our fixed oversized goals with a local high school for a moveable pair that are perfectly sized for elementary students. Our amazing facilities crew made the swap happen and completely free of charge!

And that's not all, Bays United Football Club (baysunited.ca) generously donated an extra set of goals that were excess to their needs. Thanks to their kindness, we now have two full sets of goals for our students to enjoy!

A huge shoutout to our facilities team and Bays United Football Club for helping us level up our field for fun and play!

Whole School Beach Day

On Wednesday, June 18th our classes will be walking to Gyro Park Beach. We plan to leave the school around **10:30**, returning to the school around **2:30** p.m. Classes may leave at different times and will communicate that with you.

Here is a quick checklist of things to remember to bring (all with child's name on please):

- Lunch
- A hat
- BeachTowel
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen (please put sunscreen on your child before they leave home)

Please note: **This is not a swimming or playing in the water trip**, it is a play at the beach, school-wide fun day .

Parents and other family members are more than welcome to join us. We will need parent helpers to walk to the beach and help supervise.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making this a safe and fun year-end celebration for all our students.

Saanich Recreation Opportunities

Saanich Summer Pool and Ice Program Registration Opens June 11

Save the date: Summer registration for swimming lessons, advanced aquatics programs, and skating lessons opens on Wednesday, June 11, at 6 a.m. Visit saanich.ca/summer to view the Activity Guide, add programs to your wish list, and be ready on registration day!

[Summer Pool and Ice Registration](http://saanich.ca/summer)

LOST AND FOUND

Student items that have been found around the school have been put onto racks and carts in our school entryway – and it is growing daily!

Please come and look through the clothes and other items; anything remaining is to be donated after the last day of school on Thursday June 26th, so please come and collect your child's lost items prior to summer break!

Arbutus Grove Out of School Care

For information on the program, and space availability for the coming year, please go to their website: <http://www.arbutusgrove.ca/out-of-school-care>

School Calendar for 2025-2026

The Board approved the District calendar for the 2025-2026 school year which highlights non-instructional days, vacation breaks, and school openings: [2025-2026 School District Calendar](#)

School Cash Payments Online

If you need to make a field trip or other school related payment, please go to our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) under Quick Links! Thank you so much.

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five

330,000 books in 12 years donated to new homes where they are needed. THANK YOU!!! At this time of the year we prepare a extra supply for the many agencies that send books home all summer. Please do a summer clean of your bookshelves and help another child succeed by having a home library. Take your gently used books **for babies to five year olds** to the ottoman bench outside the office.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- June 4th: PAC Noodle Box Day
- June 6th: Camp Thunderbird for Grade 5 students
- June 13th: PAC Popcorn Day
- June 18th: Whole School Field Trip to Gyro Park
- June 20th: PAC Pizza Day
- June 21st: National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 24th: Special Friends Day
- June 26th: Last day of classes, whole school assembly with Gr 5 Celebration
And report cards are available to parents
- Please go to our school website in August for more information on start up for September!
<https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/>
(First day back for grades 1-5 is Tuesday, September 2nd and it is a HALF day)

***We hope you have a safe and happy summer vacation -
we'll see you in September!***

Thomas Thompson, Principal Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal
Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant and Kelsey Shaver, Secretary Clerk





FRANK HOBBS ELEMENTARY

JUNE 2025 PAC Newsletter

June 10: PAC Meeting at Frank Hobbs Library

6:30-8:00 pm



Please attend and vote on what matters to you and your kid(s) -- a [Gaga ball pit](#), saving up for a new playground, a school set of tennis and pickleball equipment or a combo. Curious how the survey went? See the last [meeting minutes](#) with the survey summary.

Can't attend? Email your thoughts to frankhobbselempac@gmail.com, or speak with any current PAC executive member. We hope to see you at the meeting next week!

June Hot Lunches

JUNE 4 Noodle Box

JUNE 13 popcorn

JUNE 20 pizza

Thank you Elaine Flores for being our amazing Hot Lunch Coordinator!

June 25: Year End School-wide Picnic 2:37 pm-6:30 pm

The PAC will host a BBQ and fun activities like games on the field and an obstacle course bouncy castle right after school (2:37 pm) until 6-6:30 pm! We'll serve hot dogs and hamburgers with veggie options plus regular and gluten-free buns.

You can also purchase freezies and ice cream. The Candy Time truck is also back this year. Bring cash or card and a picnic blanket. We look forward to celebrating with you! We need volunteers like you to help on the day so we can all enjoy a fabulous and enjoyable event with our families.

[Please sign up now for a 1 hour shift](#). Questions?

Contact Jenny: jennynanninga@gmail.com.

Note: There won't be extra supervision for kids, please come prepared to support your child or children throughout the event.

School Supplies: order NOW!

The Frank Hobbs Parent Advisory Council (PAC) works with Teacher’s File to create ‘school supply kits’ for each grade (K-5). [Order NOW](#) for the 25/26 school year!

Please review the school supply list to determine quantities needed. Kits will be delivered **directly** to the school in September. Note: orders placed after July 31st may be subject to a \$6.50 late fee, and only available while supplies last. Kits are optional. Parents can also choose to source their own supplies from the 2025-26 school supply list, found [here](#).

Welcome our new PAC Executive:

President – Caeli Lynch

Vice-Chair – Danielle McQueen (open to offering this position to a new candidate)

Treasurer – Stanislav Konorov

Secretary – Michelle Horn

Fundraising Chair and Hot Lunch Coordinator -- Jenny Nanninga and Elaine Flores

VCPAC Rep – Kelly Lahti

Class Rep Coordinator – Loukia Hernes

That's a wrap! Check out what we accomplished together:

YEAR-END PAC SUMMARY

In the 2024/25 school year, the Frank Hobbs PAC held community events, connected families, and raised funds for different programs and activities. See below for a snapshot of what we were able to accomplish together:

COMMUNITY EVENTS

-  Halloween Dance
-  Movie Night
-  Winter Solstice Event
-  End of Year Barbeque



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

-  Field trip & classroom funds for all classes - total of \$8,000!
-  Chess lessons for all students
-  Bike to School week prizes
-  School Theatre Performances
-  Fruit & Veggie Program
-  School Garden



SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

-  Scooter racks and locks
-  Revamped outdoor quiet space
-  Sports equipment & refreshed sports jerseys
-  Portable music speaker



 Thank you for an incredible year!

Learn more about the PAC: <https://fhspac.wordpress.com>